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In re Application of:

Kinkade et al.

Group: 1641

Serial No. 09/831,123

Examiner: Cook, L.

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For: BIOMARKERS FOR OXIDATIVE STRESS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir,

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 8, 2003, please enter the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement mailed April 8, 2003 divided the claims into six groups:

Group A (claims 1-44, drawn to an immunoassay method to detect a biomarker of oxidative stress in a biological sample utilizing an antibody specific for a biomarker of oxidative stress in a biological sample); Group B (claims 45-53, drawn to a method to remove oxidatively damaged proteins, peptides, or proteinaceous aggregate in a sample employing a single antibody); Group C (claims 54-59 and 79, drawn to a method and kit to detect one or more oxidatively damaged proteins, peptides, or proteinaceous aggregate in a sample employing dual antibodies); Group D (claims 60-62, drawn to methods of diagnosing and or treating the presence of a disease associated with oxidative stress in a mammalian subject); Group E (claims 63-67, 71-72 and 76-